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SUBJECT: CPA – 2004 Status Reviews

Purpose: To provide the field offices instructions for completing 2004 status reviews.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2004

Action Required By: September 15, 2004

The database system used to record last years compliance reviews has been converted to a web-based application. Therefore, no database will be distributed to the field offices. Tracts granted variances in 2003 are included in the web-based application. You can begin using the web-based application to start planning status reviews to be conducted by your field office. Please review Part 518, Subpart B, 180-V-NFSAM, Fourth Ed., March 2003 for guidance on conducting status reviews. For making adjustments to the status review tracts, please refer to Part 518, Subpart A. Adjustments are needed for FSA-Farm Credit Borrowers, tracts owned by government employees, reinstatements, etc.

Special attention should be paid to Part 518, Subpart A, Section 518.03 (c). This section addresses the replacement of selected tracts. Tracts on the national compliance review list must be replaced if any of the following criteria are met:

- No USDA benefits were received for this tract for the past cropping year. The tract is not a part of a farming concern that has received USDA benefits in the past cropping year.

Example: The tract is currently listed as being a part of a farming concern that had received USDA benefits in the prior crop year on the NCC Kansas City, Missouri database. However, that database had not been updated so as to reflect the change of compliance and separation of the tract from the original farming concern.

- There are no HEL fields and no areas determined to be a wetland; or there are no areas that would be an obvious wetland.
- There are HEL fields, but no annually tilled crops have been or are currently being produced on the HEL fields and no areas determined to be a wetland; or there are no areas that would be an obvious wetland.

Any tracts meeting these criteria are to be replaced with the next sequentially numbered tract in the county.

There will be two determinations recorded for each tract, one for highly erodible land (HEL) conditions and one for wetlands (WET) presence or status. All tracts must have a determination entered for both HEL and WET.

As stated earlier, the 2004 Compliance Review Tracts are available through a web-based application. This application can be accessed through you're my.NRCS website. Once you have logged into the system, you need to go to the Accountability tab. Once there, look in the IAS 2004 box. Click on the FSA Compliance Reviews. This will take you to the Welcome screen. Click on the Data Entry button located in the bar at the top of the screen. This will take you to the Tract Worklist screen. From here, you can locate the compliance review tracts for your county. In the State box, click the down arrow and select Indiana. In the County box, click the down arrow and select your county. Then click Search to view the tracts selected for review in your county.

Questions concerning the status review web-based application can be directed to John Poenisch at Ext. 357 or Dwayne Howard at Ext. 386.

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